REMARKS

Claims 1, 9-12 remain in the application.

Independent claim 1 is rejected over Eagles 2364962 in view of Wain 5069849. The Wain '849 patent is equivalent to the prior art shown in Figures 1 and 2 of the subject application, prior art that the subject invention improves upon.

The '962 patent to Eagles does not suggest mitreing extrusions and injecting plastic to replace the rear surfaces while maintaining the integrity of the front surfaces.

As alluded to by the Examiner in the "Response to Arguments" in the final rejection of the patent application, the present claims do now make it clear that the front surfaces are not removed but retain their integrity while the rear surface is removed.

Certainly, there is no remote suggestion of removing portions of the rear surfaces and injection molding a bridge which has the same predetermined shape as the removed portion to continue the shape of the rear surfaces of the extrusions, as set forth in claims 10-12.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by this preliminary amendment. The attached page is captioned **"VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE."**

Accordingly, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance, which is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted

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VERSION WITH MARKS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Thrice Amended) A method of forming a joint between two plastics extrusions having front and rear surfaces comprising; mitring the extrusions so they form the desired angle to one another at a mitre joint, removing part of the rear face of each extrusion while maintaining the integrity of said front surface, placing the mitred extrusions in a mould and injecting a resin material to bond the extrusions to one another across the mitred joint beneath the front surfaces and produce the desired joint configuration whereby the front surface of the joint is entirely defined by the front surface.

Please cancel claims 2-6.

Please add the following new claims as follows:

9. (New) A method of forming a joint between two plastic extrusions having front and rear surfaces comprising the steps of;

mitring the extrusions at mitred ends so that they form the desired angle to one another at the nitred ends,

removing portions of the rear surface of each extrusion a the mitred ends behind the front surfaces to maintain the front surfaces to maintain the integrity of the front surfaces at the mitried ends,

placing the mitred extrusions in a mold to form a mitred joint with the front surfaces abutting one another at the mitred joint,

injecting a plastic material into the mold to rebuild the removed portion and bond the extrusions together across the mitred joint beneath the front surfaces.

10. (New) A method as set forth in claim 9 including extrusions having a predetermined shape on the rear surfaces and injecting the plastic material into the predetermined

shape in the mold to continue the predetermined shape from the extrusions.

11. (New) A method as set forth in claim 10 wherein said predetermined shape includes at least one seal on the rear surface and injecting the plastic material into the mold to form a continuation of the seal between the extrusions.

12. (New) A method as set forth in claim 10 wherein said predetermined shape includes male foot portions for insertion into a channel to retain the extrusions to a structure and injecting the plastic material into the mold to form at least one extension of the foot portions.